SECTION 0100 - INVITATION TO BID

ISSUING OFFICE:

TOWN OF ESSEX 29 WEST AVENUE ESSEX, CT 06426

PROJECT: RECONSTRUCTION OF IVORY STREET

The Town of Essex is requesting bids for the reconstruction of Ivory Street in accordance with the requirements for this project and the following instructions. The work includes the grinding and reclamation of the existing Ivory Street pavement, the removal of the existing sidewalk, removal of the existing bridges, including wing walls, headwalls, footings, cutoff walls and foundations, re-grading and compaction of Ivory Street, installation of box culverts to replace the bridges, installation of cutoff walls, wing walls and headwalls at the proposed bridges, grading, paving of Ivory Street and installation of new concrete sidewalk, all in accordance with the plans and contract documents. Precast components for box culverts, cutoff walls, headwalls, and stone strong will be purchased by the Town and delivered to the site. It is the contractors responsibility, as part of this contract, to unload materials from the delivery trucks and assemble materials at each crossing.

The bridge components are being manufactured by Arrow Concrete Products. It is anticipated that the products will be available on September 12, 2016. The products will be delivered to Ivory Street when the contractor requests delivery.

The project contract award and start date is September 7, 2016 and the completion date is November 18, 2016.

The Town of Essex will receive sealed bids by Town of Essex First Selectman's Office, 29 West Avenue, Essex, CT 06426, until 2:00 PM on Friday, September 2, 2016, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after the Bid Opening will be returned unopened.

The Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications will be on file and available to contractors at the Town of Essex website after Friday, August 19, 2016.

A mandatory walk through conference will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Ivory Street in Ivoryton, CT. Interested bidders must attend in order to be considered for this project.

A satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check, in the amount equal to five percent (5 %) of the base bid shall be submitted with each bid. The Bid Bond shall be made payable to the Town of Essex and shall be properly executed by the Bidder and acceptable sureties. All bonds must be from sureties registered in the State of Connecticut.

Bidders shall obtain and maintain, at the Bidder's expense, such insurance as will protect the Bidders from claims under Workers' Compensation and Comprehensive General Liability Insurance that will protect the Town of Essex from all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage which may arise from the performance by the Bidder or the Bidder's employees in the functions and services to the Town of Essex.

Limits of insurance shall be \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$3,000,000 aggregate. Workers' Compensation shall be in accordance with Connecticut Statutes. The selected Bidder shall, within five (5) business days of the award, provide proof of insurance.

The Town of Essex and its Agencies and Commissions are Affirmative Action-Equal Opportunity employers. Respondents to the bid agree and warrant that in the performance of the work on these projects, they will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, nations origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation or physical disability. Respondents agree to provide the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission concerning employment practices and procedures.

This project is being funded by the Town of Essex. The Town of Essex reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding process. It shall be understood that the award made by the Town of Essex shall be final and conclusive and without recourse or appeal by the remaining Bidders.

An Affirmative Action/Opportunity Employer. Minority/Women's Business Enterprises are encourage to apply

Dated this 12th day of August 2016 Norman Needleman, First Selectman